

**MONTANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
UTILITY DIVISION
AGENDA NO. 97-2-18**

Date Prepared: February 13, 1997

For Work Week Commencing: February 17, 1997

Business Meeting Date & Time: February 18, 1997, 10:00 a.m.

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Work Sessions All items identified below are for Commission discussion or action on the day designated (Dan).

1. USWC Docket D96.12.220 - Discuss and clarify the processing of the docket (2/19/97)
2. MPC ASIMI Docket D96.6.106 - Action on Final Order accepting MPC's rate filing of tariff for service to Advanced Silicon Materials, Inc. (2/19/97)
3. FVBA vs. PTI Docket D96.9.152 - Discuss and act on draft Protective Order (2/19/97)
4. USWC/Mid-Rivers Interconnection D97.2.19 - Discuss any procedural items, such as issuing a Notice of Receipt or other requirements under TA96 (2/19/97)
5. The Commission's continued discussion of Electric Industry Restructuring and various legislation pertaining to customer choice in electricity and natural gas industries (2/19/97)
6. Weekly Scheduling Meeting - Will be held following the 9:00 a.m. Legislative work session on the day of the Business Meeting

Action Items All items identified below are for action at the Commission business meeting.

1. WORLDCOM, INC. - Docket N97.1.14 (Nina)

On January 30, 1997, WorldCom, Inc., filed Montana Price List Tariff reflecting the cancellation of the trade name "LDDS WorldCom", pursuant to the Commission's Default Order No. 5946- 15224 in Docket No. 96.9.151-0363 dated Oct. 2, 1996. This was a notice item 2/10/97. Staff recommends approval.

2. CENTRAL MONTANA COMMUNICATIONS, INC. - Docket N97.2.18 (Nina)

On February 3, 1997, Central Montana Communications, Inc., filed a request for a boundary change in the White Sulphur Springs Telephone Exchange. The changes pertain to the addition of a number of Sections of land to the Western boundaries of the exchange. These additions are necessary to accommodate the lines needed by the Grassy Mountain Subdivision, which CMC already serves. The additional Sections are in previously "unclaimed territory". This was a notice item 2/10/97. Staff recommends approval.

3. US WEST COMMUNICATIONS - Docket N97.1.17 (Kate)

On February 3, 1997, US West Communications filed a new tariff page that was inadvertently left out of the package when the company filed its approved cable, wire and termination policy in December 1996.

Notice Items All items identified below are noticed for public participation purposes. Unless otherwise stated in the text of the notice, the items will be action items on the next following agenda or a subsequent agenda and participation may be had by submitting written comments to the Public Service Commission, 1701 Prospect Avenue, PO Box 202601, Helena, Montana, 59620-2601, within 5 calendar days following publication of this agenda.

1. US WEST COMMUNICATIONS - Docket N97.1.15 (Bonnie)

On January 30, 1997, US WEST filed proposed rates for a Digital Switched Services (DSS) promotion. From March 1, 1997 through May 31, 1997, business customers subscribing to a 36 month or longer Rate Stabilized Agreement for Digital Switched Services will receive a waiver of the nonrecurring charges associated with basic and Advanced DSS facilities as well as the Basic and Advanced Trunks ordered at that time.

2. US WEST COMMUNICATIONS - Docket N97.2.16 (Bonnie)

On February 3, 1997, US WEST filed a tariff introducing a new retail product, "Centex 21", offering a package of services at a standard price, targeted to service small to medium sized business customers. Customers may customize service with optional selections offered at discounted rates with the purchase of a rate stability plan.

Information Items All items identified below are for information only.

Columbia Heights Water Co. Docket D96.8.134 - NSA continuing hearing date was served February 6, 1997.

USWC Docket D96.12.220 - NSA granting intervention to requesting parties was served February 13, 1997.

Tentative Action Items for Agenda 97-2-24

Docket N97.1.15 US WEST COMMUNICATIONS (Bonnie)

Docket N97.2.16 US WEST COMMUNICATIONS (Bonnie)

New Filings Received in Past Week

N97.2.20 MPC - Motion to waive requirement to file a 1997 Least Cost Plan

N97.2.21 MPC - Maintenance Audit/Tracking

D97.2.23 Project Telephone Company - Petition requesting EAS

N97.2.22 Sprint - Revise discount to "The Most", Intro VisaPhone Calling Card Service and Optional Calling plan, and miscellaneous textual changes